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Copies of the non-U.S. references (that do not have U.S. equivalents) and/or English language abstracts thereof and a copy of a Great Britain Search Report are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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